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report on the Khiam Detention camp

The committee duties after closing the KDC

In 1985 after occupying Southern Lebanon, the Israel; army built the Khiam Detention Camp. Boldly violating the human rights and the International Lows.

On the 23rd of May 2000, closing KDC and freeing 144 detainees has reviled to the whole world – the true horror and the torturing of the detainees which is beyond one's imagination in spite of all what was told and wrote about it.

During our visit to the KDC we heard unbelievable stories about the torture and the humiliation from the former detainees.

14 detainees were killed at the KDC under torturing 2000 hostages were held between it's walls and inside it's cells for short and long periods.

1000 citizens were held at the investigation centers at Tal El Nahas, the 17's center at Bent Jebail, Zazhleh and Hasbia.

Those detainees belonged to different societies different political parties from all Lebanon.

The infant Mohamed Al Ahmad is the youngest who was held with his mother for two month at the age of seven days.

Families with all of its members were held there as well as children, pregnant women and elderly.

As the Khiam Detention Camp from 1985 to 1987, beside torturing it was the starvation period no water, no electricity, no bathrooms.

Flea and flies spread carrying more diseases, some detainees drank their urine, ate paper and parts of their shoes to survive.

Such a load situation pushed the detainees to strike for 5 days.

An Israeli major called Yaghi who put many of the detainees at solitary cells and tortured them broke this strike.

In 1989 the detainees revolute again but this time two of them were killed Bialal Al Salman and Ibrahim Abou El Ezz.

Not only the Israeli occupying army held the citizens and tortured them, but it also forced them to do had labor in a clear violation of international deals.

In 1985 and just after the Lebanese National Resistance Forces blew up the traitor Lahd's radio station.

The Israeli army forced 35 detainees from KDC to remove the wreckage and put back the wire fence it was also the detainees who put the wire fence around the camp and fixed the building before the visit of the international committee of Red Cross to the camp in 1995.

It was also them who cleans the guards rooms and the bathrooms at the camp.

The testimonies of former detainees

Isam Awada:

I was arrested on the 17th April 85 and was released on the 25th May 2000.

The Israelis blew up my house put me in a helicopter threatening me that they well throw me out of it into the sea.

They also tied my hands and legs. Left me at the road between Alma El Shab and Naqoura and passed 6 tanks destroyers for 10 minutes.

Hassan Awada:

I was arrested on the 15th April 84 and was released on the 3rd Feb 94.

I was tortured cruelly and used to urinate immediately when I drink water.

In the KDC I recognized my father from his coughing.

N.M.

I suffered from bleeding for 3 years after I was raped with a stick, I was tortured with electricity chocks at sensitive parts of my body.

Milla Sofany

I was arrested on the 9th Nov. 85 and was released on Jan 87.

They rejected me with morphine, they subjected me to electric shocks at "Marjeaion's Hospital" they experiment 7 operations on me. Investigate me at the X-Ray room, shocked me with electricity on my wounds and burn with cigarettes.

Taisir Shaaban:

I was arrested on the 9th Dec 86 and was released on the 23rd May 2000. They forced me to take illusions pills and I was burn with cigarettes and held in a hutch with other detainees.

Mohammed Abdel Hassan Sroor:

I was arrested on the 29 Sep. 99 and was released on the 23 May 2000 they stringed me on a pole naked in winter under sun and rain they hit me with their shoes at my testis causing permanent damages.

Seliman Ramadan:

I was arrested on Sep. 85 and was released on the 23rd May 2000

I lost my leg when I was arrested all though I was bleeding they threw me at the ground kept me their for 73 days tide up with my face covered with black peace of fabric with rotten smell tortured by Israeli Major called Yaghi.

I was starved given only half a negg as a daily meal sot that I ate the tissues around my finger nails.

Cossite ibrahim:

I was arrested on the 2rd Sep 99 and was released on the 23rd May 2000.

I just had an operation when they arrested me I needed special medical treatment and diet which they engorged I was tortured and bleeded many times so they carried me to Marjeaon's Hospital for treatment many detainees were forced to confess that they weren't virgins in a way of torturing and threatening of range.

Najwa Samahat:

I was ... on the 1st Oct 99... 23 d May 2000 they used to address me with dirty expressions and subjected electric chocks spattered with water so that shock waves grew more intense I bleeded and suffered from forting.

They took me inside Israel and investigate me trying to force me to collaborate with them as a condition to set me and my husband and son free which refused to.

Ghassan Saeid

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I was tortured beated with army shoes and with weapons at my back, eyes and head they also with cigarettes.

At the Khiam Detention camp

Detainees were tortured physically, mentally and securely

They were forced to hard labor injected with morphine stringed on a pole shocked with electricity used as experimental animals at Marjeon Hospital.

14 detainees died under torture many detainees are suffering from chronic diseases and some are even permanently disables.

Those violations are war crimes and Israel, must hold responsibility.

Khiam Detention camp was closed but nothing will shut the memories the suffering of the former detainees is still present and it will continue until and international court of justice trails the Israeli leaders and their pro-Israeli militia. As war criminals.

The committee duties after closing the Khiam Detention Camp:

- Documenting the former detainee's testimonies and rising it to all international communities.
- Presenting legal charges and demanding compensations from the Israelis
- Documenting the history of the KDC and translating it to different languages.
- Working on formation of an international court of justice to trail the Israeli leaders and present them as criminals of war.
- Documenting the Lahd's agents testimonies and charge them at a public international court.
- Arrange visits for the former detainees abroad so they can talk about their suffering.
- Labeling the Khiam Detention Camp as a morment for the Israeli crimes.
- Opening the Khiam Rehabilitation center.

- Considering the former detainees as national heroes and treating them as soldiers at the Lebanese army.
- Ensuring employment for the former detainees in administrations and public institutions.
- Supporting the fair case of the missing Lebanese and the Lebanese detainees at the Israeli Prisons.

What happened at the Khiam Detention Camp is one of the most dangerous violations of human rights and international lows.

We should work hard with others specially the human rights organizations and association to revile the violations and the crimes, which the Israeli Army and the collaborators are responsible.

We should work hard to from a public trail for the Israeli leaders and their pro-Israeli military and present them as war criminals.

Follow up committee for the support of the Lebanese detainees in the israeli prisons

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